

illegal immigrants. And then last November, Obama granted amnesty to even more illegal immigrants—millions more. To make matters worse for American taxpayers, these illegal immigrants can now get work permits. This enables them to get Social Security numbers and government benefits.

Make no mistake; what Obama is doing is bilking hard-working American taxpayers. That is why I am reintroducing my bill, the No Social Security Numbers and Benefits for Illegal Aliens Act. America is a country of laws, not men. I am fully committed to stopping the President's illegal action.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid improper references to the President.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the Armenian community to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the events that led to the Armenian genocide.

One hundred years ago, on April 24, more than 300 Armenian leaders were taken from their homes, arrested, and systematically executed. They were the first massacred in a genocide that resulted in the deaths of 1½ million innocent men, women, and children.

The children, grandchildren, and younger descendants of the genocide's victims have worked hard to remember and honor those who suffered. I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus and to cosponsor H. Res. 154, the Armenian Genocide Truth and Justice Resolution.

I praise the Armenian American community throughout Los Angeles County and elsewhere in California and the United States for making sure that the history of that tragic period is known and urging our government to officially recognize the genocide.

#### SUPPORT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over 1.5 million rural South Carolinians receive their power through local electric cooperatives, who work to keep costs low and maintain high energy standards. Unfortunately, President Obama established new regulations for electric water heaters 5 years ago, destroying jobs. These regulations went into effect last week and have negatively impacted the cooperatives by limiting their ability to manage water heaters during peak time, making consumers pay for an inefficient use of resources.

I am grateful to support the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015.

This legislation reduces new regulations for grid-enabled water heaters, which benefit consumers by keeping costs low. Local businesses like the electric cooperatives are the backbone of America's economy, the forefront of new innovations, and are leaders in providing affordable, reliable energy, creating jobs for American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### SOLAR READY VETS PROGRAM

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Solar Ready Vets program, the recently announced Federal initiative to train veterans for jobs in the solar industry.

Solar power accounted for 32 percent of electricity-generating capacity that came online in the United States last year, creating 31,000 American jobs. The energy company, SolarCity, will soon open one of the largest solar panel manufacturing plants in the world in my home community of Buffalo, New York, creating 3,500 jobs in our region. The solar industry employs 174,000 Americans, a number that is quickly increasing. We should seize the opportunity to ensure that our veterans can participate in this growth.

The Solar Ready Vets program trains veterans for jobs in the solar industry at 10 military bases across the country. We are calling for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station to be one of those sites. This program creates jobs, fights climate change, and provides economic opportunity to returning veterans.

I call on Congress to support our veterans, support clean energy, and support American jobs by supporting the Solar Ready Vets program.

#### HONORING JEFF INGALLS

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeff Ingalls, a Granite Stater, American hero, and former prisoner of war. This week he is being rightfully recognized during the Prisoner of War Medal ceremony this Friday.

Master Chief Jeff Ingalls grew up in North Woodstock, New Hampshire, and enlisted in the United States Navy in July of 1978, where he served as a member of an elite unit of highly technical divers. Ingalls served in missions that were not only incredibly complex and challenging, but also extremely dangerous.

In June of 1985, Ingalls was aboard TWA flight 847 when it was hijacked by terrorists. The six-man detachment, including five U.S. Navy divers, was held in captivity by terrorists, during which time one bravely lost his life.

These six men showed bravery, courage, and dedication in the face of an enemy. We will never forget your sacrifices, your fight in the name of freedom and democracy.

American heroes like Jeff Ingalls are the reason our country remains the "land of the free and the home of the brave." For that we are forever grateful.

#### 100 DAYS OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, last week the House Republicans marked 100 days of Republican control of both bodies of Congress: 100 days spent working for the wealthy special interests against the hard-working American families, 100 days where we saw our national security threatened when we came dangerously close to shutting down the Department of Homeland Security, 100 days where we saw Republicans vote to end the Medicare guarantee and turn it into a voucher program.

Now, today, we are seeing House Republicans attempt to undermine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, an entity designed to protect American consumers, by taking what was a bipartisan bill that came out of committee with nearly unanimous support and using it as a vehicle through the Committee on Rules to slash funding for this important Federal program.

We had a bipartisan bill that could have been an important piece of legislation that we all could get behind, and it had to be used as a way to undermine this really important and essential government function of protecting the American consumer. We have just gone too far with this. We need to get back to doing the work that the American people sent us here to do.

#### PUTTING DECISIONMAKING BACK IN THE DISTRICTS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, while we are all hard-working Americans dedicated to the freedom and future of our country, our districts and States are vastly different. House Republicans reject the notion that Washington knows best, and our policies reflect that. By putting power back into the hands of the States, we can ensure the decisions made best reflect the Americans we represent.

In the people's House, we understand this more than any other branch. We understand that a top-down approach to government is unrealistic and unfair. We hear the voices of those we represent. Parents don't need bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., to tell them where to send their children to school